



Seven Vermont EMS Services Helping New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy

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BURLINGTON – A convoy of Vermont ambulances departed late last night for New Jersey in answer to a call from the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to Vermont Emergency Management. The request for assistance was made in anticipation of the new storm set to hit areas of the state already devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

Seven EMS services each sent one ambulance with two licensed EMS personnel (EMTs or paramedics) – from Fletcher Allen Coordinated Transport (Burlington), Amcare Ambulance Service (St. Albans), Williston Fire Department, Lyndon Rescue, Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, Inc., Barre City Ambulance and Glover Ambulance.

All arrived at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford in the early morning hours, joining with ambulance crews from other states that also answered the EMAC request. The Vermont crews are expected to work through Saturday.

Vermont's EMS response is being managed by the Health Department's EMS Office, in coordination with Vermont Emergency Management. EMAC is an agreement among the lower 48 states to share resources during a disaster. Vermonters, if called upon through EMAC, provide critical support, alleviate suffering and save lives. In 2005, the state answered a similar call for help through EMAC, sending ambulances and emergency medical personnel to Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita.

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